GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3366
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BAN ON USE OF TIMBER
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have imposed a ban on the use of timber in the construction of Government buildings by the CPWD;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue guidelines to the State Governments and the private builders in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): CPWDhad put a ban on the use of timber for their Department on 26.2.1993. However, in view of the unsatisfactory performance of some of the wood-substitutes the ban was relaxed partially on 16.9.1999 and use of timber was allowed in some items in addition to existing approved wood substitutes.

(c)&(d): It is felt that the items substituted for wood should be observed for some more years before issuing guidlines in this regard.